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2. [redacted] said that he had not gotten this impression with [redacted] and that in extended conversations with Professor [redacted] and other Russian scientists at the Florida Aerospace Conference he had the distinct impression that the Soviets would not attempt something which represented such a relatively minor space triumph in terms of their state of the art as a matching orbital rendezvous, but instead would bide their time until they could achieve an order of magnitude triumph something like three times as impressive as their longest manned orbit to date. [redacted] said that [redacted] left him with the feeling that during this interim period, when the Soviets might not be ready for extending their manned space flight regime to say 15 or 20 days over a month, that the Academy of Sciences was extremely interested in exploring with the Americans subjects in which close U.S. and USSR cooperation could be achieved in space technology with the obvious aim of attempting to let the U.S. spend the R&D money with the Russians siphoning off what they need in the way of information.

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3. [REDACTED] said he had never seen such wholesale and intensive cultivation of Washington scientists by the Russians in his years of dealing

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25X1A with them on space matters. They reportedly unabashedly spoke out for the activation of exchange programs with the U.S. scientists in the field of space and are, apparently, anxious to cultivate any lead which would result in furtherance of their present aims. [REDACTED] said that for the first time in any international meeting with the Soviets he had the distinct impression that they were not only anxious to cooperate, but that they were being wholly frank and leveling about the state of their present art in the field of live support with which [REDACTED] is concerned, perhaps as bait for inducing future co-operation. This for what it is worth.

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